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SUBJ: BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION: STATE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:KAREL HERMAN BEYEN HAS BEEN NAMED
AS STATE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS (TRADE PROMOTION).
THE OTHER STATE SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IS THEODORE M.
HAZEKAMP.) BEYEN WAS BORN IN THE HAGUE ON MARCH 2, 1923.
HE RECEIVED HIS LAW DEGREE FROM AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY IN 1948
AND A MASTERS DEGREE IN COMPARATIVE LAW AT GEORGE WASHINGTON
UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON IN 1949.

2. BEYEN BEGAN WORK IN 1948 WITH THE LEGAL FIRM OF COX,
LANGFORD, STODDARD AND CUTLER IN WASHINGTON, D.C. IN 1950
HE JOINED THE DUTCH FINANCE MINISTRY (TREASURY GENERAL)
AS AN EMPLOYEE OF THE DUTCH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. IN 1953
HE WAS APPOINTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT OF NATO
IN PARIS, AND IN LATE 1957 HE JOINED H. ALBERT DE BARY & CO.
IN AMSTERDAM, BECOMING A DEPUTY DIRECTOR IN 1958. IN 1961
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HE BECAME DEPUTY-DIRECTOR OF THE ROTTERDAMSCHE BANK N.V
IN ROTTERDAM, AND IN 1964 A DIRECTOR OF THE AMSTERDAM-ROTTERDAM
BANK N.V.

3. IN SEPTEMBER 1967 BEYEN WAS APPOINTED DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF
THE BANQUE EUROPEENNE DE CREDIT A MOYEN TERME AT BRUSSELS,
AND IN MARCH 1970 HE JOINED THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE AMSTERDAM

ROTTERDAM BANK N.V., HEADING THE BANKS FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

4. BEYEN HAS ALSO BEEN CHAIRMAN OF THE SWEDISH DUTCH ASSOCIATION FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE NETHERLANDS FRENCH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF THE NETHERLANDS-BRITISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AN EXECUTIVE MEMBER OF THE AUSTRALIAN-NEW ZEALAND INSTITUTE, AND CHAIRMAN OF THE PRINCE BERNHARD FUND.

5. BEYEN WILL BE IN CHARGE OF MATTERS CONCERNING TRADE POLICY AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN GENERAL. HE WILL HANDLE GATT, OECD, BENELUX MATTERS, EEC, AND ECE. EXPORT PROMOTION IS ANOTHER SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY. BEYEN WILL PARTICIPATE IN UNCTAD RATHER THAN THE MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

6. BEYEN IS A MEMBER OF THE LIBERAL PARTY (VVD). HE IS A SON OF THE LATE DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER J.W. GEYEN (1952-56). BEYEN IS A WIDOWER WITH ONE SON. END UNCLASSIFIED.

7. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: BEYEN IS WELL AND FAVORABLY KNOWN TO US BUSINESS COMMUNITY BOTH AS AN ABLE BANKER AND AS ONE WHO, IN HIS CAPACITY AS AN EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF SEVERAL FOREIGN CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE, JOINED WITH AMERICAN AND OTHER CHAMBERS IN 1976-77 IN SPEAKING OUT REGARDING NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF PROPOSED EXCESS PROFIT SHARING SCHEME (VAD). DUTCH BUSINESSMEN HAVE TOLD US THEY ARE PLEASED TO HAVE SUCH A LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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